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MEC Chairman Pilot Lounge Visits: MEC Chairman Donatelli looks forward to interacting and hearing directly from our line pilots. Captain Donatelli will visit pilot lounges on the following dates (times TBA):

MSP - December 30
SLC - December 31
SEA - January 1
LAX - January 2
DTW - January 3
ATL, CVG, NYC - TBA

Scheduling SMEs Expanded Hours: Scheduling Subject Matter Experts or Delta Pilots Network will be available to answer pilot questions throughout the holidays at 1-800-USA-ALPA. The DPN can be reached on Dec. 25, Jan. 1, 2, and 3 at 866-239-0437. Please see [MEC Alert 13-20](#) for additional information.

- Monday, Dec. 23 through Wednesday, Dec. 25 0900-1700
- Thursday, Dec. 26 - Friday, Dec. 27 Normal Business Hours
- Monday, Dec. 30 Normal Business Hours
- Tue., Dec. 31 - Wed., Jan 1 0900-1700
- Thursday, Jan 2 - Friday, Jan. 3 0900-2400

FAR 117 Education Campaign AMS and NRT: FAR 117 goes into effect on January 1st, 2014. As part of our FAR 117 education campaign, we will have FAR 117 Subject Matter Experts in the Amsterdam and Narita in January. Exact dates will be announced later. Anticipate similar training events at pilot bases throughout the system over the next several weeks.

FAR Part 117 Update: The FAA issued an official interpretation which clarified the rules for implementation of cumulative flight time and FDP limits. Flight time and FDP hours will be counted for Part 117 beginning with the first FDP that has a report time at or after 0001 local time on January 1st, 2014. Hours flown on any duty period that has a report time earlier than midnight local time on January 1st, 2014 will not be counted toward Part 117 cumulative limits for flight time or FDP hours.

Attention 777 Pilots! FAR Part 117 Update - FRMS anticipated: The company applied for and expects approval of an FRMS which will result in an alternate method of compliance with the FARs for certain four-pilot 777 flying beginning in January. The FRMS is expected to include:

- FDP Limit of 20.5 hours
- Elimination of the 17 hour flight time limit for an FDP operated with four pilots
- Requirement for 24 hours scheduled rest and 13, 18 or 20 hours minimum actual rest (depending on the city pair and time of day) prior to an FDP operated with four pilots

- 48 hour scheduled layover in JNB and 40 hour minimum actual layover in JNB
- A minimum of 56 hours rest upon return to base, which must include three physiological nights

The January bid package specifies which FDPs will be flown under the FRMS.

ALPA Safety Volunteer Opportunities: Ever thought about ALPA volunteer work and interested in safety? Call the Delta MEC Central Air Safety Committee @ 404-763-4925 to get started. Twice a year ALPA National conducts a Basic Safety School where you can learn about the fundamental processes involved in helping our airline become a safer organization. The next Basic Safety School is in Herndon, Jan 21-23.

Delta Pilots' DC Plan Termination: Even though the Delta Pilots DC Plan is terminating on December 31, 2013, you may continue to direct the investment of funds in your DC account and ***no further action is required on your part at this time.*** All Delta contributions will be made to the Delta Pilots Savings Plan, effective January 1st. A window is expected to open in the 2nd quarter of 2014 in which you will have an option to elect how you want your entire DC Plan account to be distributed. Please review [R&I Report 13-04 - Streamlining Our Retirement Accounts Pt 2](#) for more information.

Line Check Blitz: All pilots should be aware that Flight Operations is conducting a Line Check Blitz through the end of January. Random line checks will be more prevalent than normal. To help you prepare, access Line Check Emphasis Items on your respective fleet page and read the December Flight Standards Update accessible from the Flight Standards/LCP web page on Deltanet. If you have issues or concerns that need the attention of your Union, contact a member of the Training Committee by calling 1 800 USA ALPA or emailing DALTraining@alpa.org.

No New Taxes: Congress is seeking to double the TSA passenger security tax as part of a budget deal, which does nothing to enhance security. Raising the cost of air travel with higher taxes drives up the cost of air travel for our customers and dampens demand, which hurts the economy, jobs, our industry and reduces air service to communities. Join ALPA, labor and consumer groups to oppose this unfair and unwarranted tax hike. Go to [Stop Air Tax Now](#) and tell Congress and the President: No new air taxes!

More January 1 Hotel Changes: ECP crews move to Holiday Inn Resort on beach; KIN new service will stay at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel; and in BNA we move to the Hyatt Place Downtown. All offer complimentary Internet.

Delta MEC Holiday Hours: The Delta MEC ALPA offices will be closed for the Christmas holidays Monday December 23 through Wednesday, December 25. Normal business hours will resume Thursday, December 26.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!

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The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.

Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN.

During non-business hours, press "7" at the main menu to transfer to PAN.

The [Furlough Emergency Relief Fund](#) exists to assist Delta pilots with a demonstrated financial hardship.